GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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FAST TRACK COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has recently criticised the States which have defaulted in setting up of the requisite number of Fast Track Courts despite procuring full Central grant for the purpose;

(b) if so, the States which have defaulted in setting up of the requisite number of Fast track Courts; and

(c) The time by which these States are likely to set up the Fast Track Courts?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) In the case of Brij Mohan Lai vs UOI and others, the Supreme Court in its order dated 29 April,2004 and 29th July, 2005 observed that many State Governments did not file their replies despite Apex Court`s direction about setting up of Fast Track Courts.

(b) The State Governments in default in setting up of requisite number of Fast Track Courts are Bihar, Haryana, J&K, Kerala, MP, Orissa, Punjab and West Bengal.

(c) The term of FTCs which were functional and whose term expired on 31.3.2005 were further made operational for a period of five years till 31.3.2010 with 100% Central funding. Only those FTCs (1562) which were made functional by State Governments were taken into consideration for extending their term.